

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 12 and 14 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 12 and 14 are subject to examination.

Claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 14 have been amended. Claims 3, 10 and 13 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102" on pages 2-3 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9 and 12 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,469,112 to Lee (hereinafter Lee) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In view of the Examiner's statements that claims 3, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are allowable in item 2 on page 4 of the office action, the following claim recombinations have occurred:

The features of allowable claim 3 have been incorporated in claim 1.

The features of claim 1 have been incorporated into allowable claim 7.

The features of allowable claim 10 have been incorporated in claim 9.

The features of allowable claim 13 have been incorporated in claim 12.

Claims 3, 10 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 11 and 14 have been amended to depend from non-canceled claims.

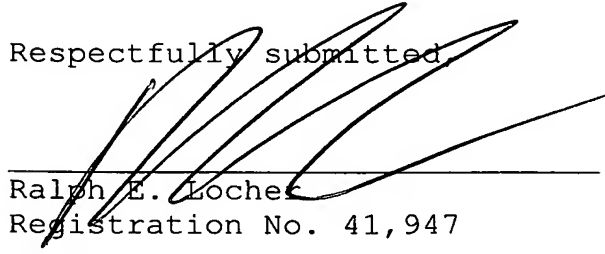
It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claims 1, 7, 9 or 12. Claims 1, 7, 9 and 12 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claims 1, 9 or 12.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 12 and 14 are solicited.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should be charged to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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